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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Notification by Mosinee Telephone Company, Inc., that it
Intends to Increase Telephone Rates

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NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION

THIS IS AN INVESTIGATION opened in response to the notification received on August 14, 2002, from Mosinee Telephone Company (Mosinee, or applicant), that it intends to increase rates for local exchange telephone service at its Mosinee exchange in Marathon and Portage Counties.

A rate increase is proposed for call waiting service. Mosinee proposes to increase the rate for call waiting by less than 30 percent. Resulting rates would be \$1.60 for residential customers and \$1.95 for business customers. A copy of the applicant's notification is available on the PSC's website at: http://www.psc.state.wi.us/telecom/cases/rec_apps/recentap.htm.

On July 1, 2002, Mosinee notified customers of its intent to increase rates for many services, including many custom calling features. That notice did not include call waiting service due to an oversight.

Mosinee mailed notice of this proposal to its customers on September 1, 2002. Under Wis. Stat. § 196.215(3)(a), the proposed rates will become effective November 1, 2002, as specified in the notice. Customers have the opportunity to petition the Commission for an investigation of the utility's rate increase.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission may investigate this matter under Wis. Stat. § 196.215(3)(a). If, within 60 days of the mailing of the utility's notice to customers, the Commission receives a petition from at least 500 customers requesting that the Commission determine rates, further investigation will be necessary. The utility's proposed increases may still go into effect; however, the rates will then be subject to refund.

The Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to

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participate in this matter or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the docket coordinator listed below.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to docket coordinator Tom Gross at (608) 267-2337.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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